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SUBJECT: ANDRE CHADEAU - NEW HEAD OF DATAR

1. AT 51 YEARS OF AGE (BORN APRIL 8, L927), ASHE ASSUMES THE OFFICE OF "DELEGUE" AT DATAR, ANDRE CHADEAU HAS OVER 30 YEARS OF GOVERNMENT EX PERIENCE BEHIND HIM. HE ENTERED GOVERNMENTAL SERVICE AS CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE PREFET OF THE GERS IN L948, AND HE HAS BEEN CLIMBIBG THE RUNGS OF THE PREFECTORAL LADDER EVER SINCE. HIS PREFECTORAL CAREER, WHICH HAS INCLUDED MAJOR POSTINGS IN ALGERIS (1954), VAL D'OISE (1964-67), FRANCHE-COMTE AND DOUBS (1968-71), HAUTE GARONNE (1972-74), AND THE NORD/ PAS DE CALAIS (1974-78), HAS BEEN INTERSPERSED WITH ASSIGNMENTS IN VARIOUS MINISTRIES. IN 1961 CHADEAU WAS APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF CABINET FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INFORMATION. FROM 1962 TO 1964 HE WAS TECHNICAL COUNSELOR AND LATER DIRECTOR OF CABINET FOR ROGER FREY AT THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR. FROM 1967 TO 1968 HE WAS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF CABINET FOR INTERIOR MINISTERS FOUCHET AND MARCELLIN. IN 1971 HE ENTERED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE CABINET OF PRIME MINISTER CHABAN-DELMAS AS COUNSELOR AND WAS SHORTLY THEREAFTER NAMED DIRECTOR OF CABINET WHERE HE SERVED UNTIL 1972.

2. CHADEAU HAS BEEN NOTED THROUGHOUT HIS CAREER FOR BOTH HIS ADMINISTRATIVE CAPABILITIES AND HIS SOLID POLITICAL CONTACTS. HIS STRONG TIES TO CHABAN-DELMAS

HAVE PROBABLY HINDERED HIS CAREER SINCE 1974 AND ARE AN INTERESTING ASPECT OF HIS NOMINATION AT THIS TIME. HIS BACKGROUND IS SIGNIFICANTLY DIFFERENT FROM THAT OF HIS TWO PREDECESSORS, JEROME MONOD AND FRANCOIS ESSIG, BOTH OF WHOM HAD SPENT A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF TIME AT LOWER LEVELS AT DATAR. CHADEAU SPEAKS LITTLE ENGLISH, IS MARRIED TO HIS SECOND WIFE, AND HAS 2 CHILDREN FROM HIS FIRST MARRIAGE.

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